

A device adapted for keeping in a wallet, a pocket, a bag, or a similar place

(Original title: A device by way of example for personal use)

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

5 This application is a continuation of PCT/DK02/00598, filed September 13, 2002, and entitled "A Device By Way of Example For Personal Hygiene", the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference herein by reference in its entirety.

10 The present invention concerns a device adapted for keeping in a wallet, a pocket, a bag or a similar place, and of the kind indicated in the preamble of claim 1.

15 Arrangements of that kind are known by way of example as small disposable packings, most often in the form of tear-open bags of plastic or metal film containing a folded wet tissue for cleaning hands and/or face. In connection with car wash in automatic facilities on service stations it is also known that corresponding tear-open bags of plastic or metal film containing prepared tissue for use in cleaning wax from the windshield for the car are handed out. In some cases, a number of cohering tear-up bags are handed out, which are intended to be separated by means of perforations, and which may contain tissues prepared with different cleaning agents and possibly a dry
20 tissue for final wiping of the windshield of the car.

25 On this background, it is the purpose of the invention to provide a new and improved device of the kind mentioned in the preamble, and which in a simple way makes it possible for persons to carry with one or more devices with the intention of removing a tick or a similar blood sucking insect.

30 The device according to the invention is characterised in that said device is made of a relatively stiff material such as cardboard or plastic, and that said device in a corner area is provided with a flexible finger, which at an outer end is provided with a slit or narrowing for use in removing a tick or corresponding blood sucking insect, which has bitten on to and bored its snout down into the skin of a person or an animal. The de-

vice according to the invention may be manufactured and distributed very cheaply as the device may be partly financed by commercial advertisements due to the preferable display surface.

5 Suitably, the device according to the invention is thus designed, that another corner area is also provided with a mainly acute angled slit or narrowing adapted for use in releasing a tick or a similar insect.

10 Preferably, the device according to the invention is thus designed so that the cleaning tissue preferably has a size which is greater than that of the carrier or reservoir.

Suitably, the device is further designed so that the cover films are provided with a corner or tongue section, which is not connected with the device, and which is intended for use in pulling off the cover films.

15 It may be further advantageous that the device is made with a preferably transverse perforation extending between the tissue and the carrier or reservoir, respectively, and which are intended as aid for dividing the device into a part containing a covered tissue and a part containing a covered carrier or a covered reservoir, respectively.

20 Furthermore the device according to the invention may be such provided, that it on one side has two film covered fields, namely a field in which is laid a disinfecting tissue and a field in which is laid a plaster, and that said fields externally are covered by means of one or more cover film pieces consisting of preferably easily removable (peel-able) plastic or metal film.

The invention is explained in the following in more detail in connection with the drawing, on which:

30 Fig. 1 shows the front side of still an embodiment of a device according to the invention in the shape of a "BorreliaCard" for use in releasing a tick,
 Fig. 2 shows the back side of the "BorreliaCard" shown in Fig. 4, and

Fig. 3 shows a preferred embodiment of a "BorreliaCard" according to the invention.

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As mentioned, the device according to the invention preferably has a size corresponding to a credit card, that is designed with rounded corners with a length of about 85 mm, a width of about 54 mm and a total thickness less than 4 mm, preferably less than 2 mm.

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The "BorreliaCard" 32 shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is in a corner area 34 designed with an acutely angled slit or cut-out 36 adapted for use in removing a tick or similar blood sucking insects that has bitten onto and bored down into the skin of a person or an animal, by way of example a dog.

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The card 32 is by way of example printed with the following instructions on the front side:

STOP the TICK!

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- Place the slit of the "BorreliaCard" under the tick's abdomen as close to the skin as possible
- Push the card forward so that the tick is lifted out calmly and firmly
- Treat subsequently with chlorhexidine and possibly plaster

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The disclosed slit or cut-out 36, which may end up in a circular hole, may alternatively, or as a supplement, also be provided at a short side of the card. The "BorreliaCard" will hereby act as a pre-stressed spring which by itself, after placing under and around the tick, will provide a certain pulling or elevation action on the tick so that it, including mouth parts, will be pulled or lifted off the skin. According to another alternative embodiment, the "BorreliaCard" may be designed with a hole with the shape as a keyhole or other suitable profile which makes it possible to move the card down over the tick and to wedge it in a narrowing of the hole.

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At the back side of the card 32 (Fig. 2) there are two film covered fields, namely a field 38 in which is laid a disinfecting cleaning tissue 40 moistened with chlorhexidine (solution 0,05%), and a field 42 in which laid a piece of plaster 44.

- 5 A preferred embodiment of a "BorreliaCard" is shown in Fig. 3, where a corner area is provided with a flexible finger 4, which at an outer end 48 is provided with a slit or narrowing 50 for use in removing a tick or a similar blood sucking insect. The flexible finger 46 contributes to optimising the function of the "BorreliaCard", so that one gets hold of the tick with certainty. Besides, the "BorreliaCard", shown in Fig. 3, is at another corner 52 provided with a supplementing lesser slit or narrowing 54.
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The preferred embodiment of a "BorreliaCard" shown in Fig. 3 is made of relatively thin plastic material which is preferably without printed instructions, as the "BorreliaCard" in this form preferably is intended to be laid into a folded, card-like brochure or guidance for use, which is finally sealed in a transparent plastic packing, and which furthermore may contain a number of individually packed cleaning tissues and/or a number of individually packed plasters.

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